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SUBJECT: UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON'S POSSIBLE VISIT TO NIGERIA

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1. WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE VISIT FROM UNDER SECRETARY CHARLES ROBINSON AND THINK TALKS WITH SENIOR NIGERIAN OFFICIALS ON SUBJECTS OF ENERGY, FOOD, COMMODITIES WOULD BE APPRECIATED BY THEM AND HELPFUL TO US.

2. WE WOULD PROPOSE, SUBJECT TO THEIR AVAILABILITY, CALLS ON SOME OF FOLLOWING: JOSEPH IYALLA (PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS); SHETTIMA ALI MONGUNO (COMMISSIONER FOR MINES AND POWER); SHEBU SHAGARI (COMMISSIONER FOR FINANCE); PHILIP ASIODU (PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE NEWLY ANNOUNCED MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND ENERGY AND FORMERLY OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND POWER); ALISON AYIDA (SECRETARY TO THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT AND FORMERLY PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF FINANCE); IME EBONG (PERMANENT SECRETARY IN MINISTRY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND RECONSTRUCTION); S.B. OLORUNTOBA (PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT).

3. WITH REGARD POSSIBLE CALL ON HEAD OF STATE, WE BELIEVE CHANCES SLIM AT BEST SINCE GOWON WILL BE INVOLVED WITH EVENTS SURROUNDING OAU HEADS OF STATE SUMMIT MEETING SCHEDULED BEGIN LATER THIS MONTH IN KAMPALA. GOWON PLANS TRAVEL TO UGANDA FOR MEETING

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4. IN VIEW SHORT LEAD TIME REMAINING AND DIFFICULTIES OF
SCHEDULING APPOINTMENTS AT UPPER LEVELS, WOULD GREATLY
APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION UNDER SECRETARY VISIT IS FIRM, AND
OUR RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE FOR VISIT THAT ALLOWS 2 FULL
WORKING DAYS. WE WOULD ALSO NEED ETA AND ETD SOONEST.
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